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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)
VISITS TO INDONESIA

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1. IN CONVERSATION TODAY, HIGH ICRC OFFICIAL TOLD MISOFF THAT CURRENT ROUND OF ICRC VISITS TO PRISONERS AND DETAINÉES IN INDONESIA BY TWO TEAMS WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH MANNER IN WHICH VISITATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED, SAYING THAT "GENERALLY" ALL ICRC REQUISITES HAD BEEN MET BY INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING FREE ACCESS AND PRIVACY OF INTERVIEWS. HE FELT THAT SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE HAD BEEN CREATED BY CONTACTS WITHIN INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.
2. REP STATED THAT ALTHOUGH ALL PLACES OF CONFINEMENT HAD NOT BEEN VISITED, SINCE THIS WOULD BE AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK WITHIN THE TIME CONSTRAINTS, ICRC PERSONNEL HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAKE FOLLOW UP VISITS TO CERTAIN PRISONS AND PLACES OF DETENTION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES IN SEVERAL INSTANCES WHEN DESIRED.
3. ICRC REP SAID THAT VISITS WOULD BE RESUMED, PROBABLY
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BY A SINGLE TEAM, IN OCTOBER. IT WAS FURTHER POSSIBLE THAT ICRC PRESIDENT ALEXANDRE HAY WOULD PROCEED ON A VISIT TO INDONESIA IN NOVEMBER, AT WHICH TIME THE FIRST FINDINGS OF THE SECOND ROUND OF PRISONER AND DETAINEE VISITATIONS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION WITH INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES. SORENSON

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